

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a silicon carbide based honeycomb structure, ~~the method comprising:~~
_____ using, as a part of a starting material, a recycled raw material recycled from a recovered material generated in a process for manufacturing the silicon carbide based honeycomb structure and derived from a starting material for a silicon carbide based honeycomb structure;
_____ pulverizing ~~wherein the recycled raw material is pulverized to have an average~~
particle size of 10 to 300 μm ; and
_____ manufacturing a new silicon carbide based honeycomb structure by using the pulverized recycled raw material.
2. (Original) A method for manufacturing a silicon carbide based honeycomb structure according to claim 1, wherein the recycled raw material accounts for 50% by mass or less of a whole starting raw material.
3. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a silicon carbide based honeycomb structure, comprising:
_____ using ~~wherein an unpulverized silicon carbide based honeycomb structure and a new raw material are used as a starting material,~~
_____ adding water is added to the starting material,
_____ kneading and pulverizing the starting material is kneaded with being
pulverized to give form kneaded elay, clay; and
_____ manufacturing a new silicon carbide based honeycomb structure is
~~manufactured~~ by using the kneaded clay.

4. (Original) A method for manufacturing a silicon carbide based honeycomb structure according to claim 3, wherein the unpulverized silicon carbide based honeycomb structure accounts for 50% by mass or less of a whole starting raw material.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a silicon carbide based honeycomb structure according to claim 3, further comprising:

adding wherein a binder is further added to the starting material for kneading.

6. (Previously Presented) A silicon carbide based honeycomb structure manufactured by a method according to claim 1.

7. (Previously Presented) A silicon carbide based honeycomb structure manufactured by a method according to claim 3.

8. (New) A method for manufacturing a silicon carbide based honeycomb structure according to claim 3, wherein the kneading and pulverizing step comprises:

pulverizing the silicon carbide in the starting material to an average size of 10 to 300 μm .